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**Around The Army****Darmstadt:**

The European Stars and Stripes reported June 8 that residents in the Darmstadt, Langen and Babenhausen military communities were scratching rashes.

The oak processionary caterpillar, a fuzzy caterpillar with a penchant for losing its rash-causing fuzz, has taken up residence in trees in those communities. It's prime shedding season for the insect, which is bad news for humans. The caterpillar's hair is loaded with poisons that have caused a rash of allergic reactions in the area, said Capt. Kari Bruley, community health nurse.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit [www.esrises.com](http://www.esrises.com) on the Web.

**Fort Knox:**

The Turret reported June 8 that the post was getting a new "official" physical training and running area.

More than a month after Brooks Field was designated off-limits for group athletics and PT, post Command Sgt. Maj. George DeSario has mapped out a new running area for physical training on the installation.

The approximately one-mile route will cover the area of road in front of and around the Natcher Physical Fitness Center on Garry Owen Regiment Avenue.

Setting up a designated post running route won't limit the other areas of post where Soldiers can run, but it will provide a safe and adequate area to conduct PT.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox news, visit [www.thenevcenterprise.com/tu/rret/](http://www.thenevcenterprise.com/tu/rret/) on the Web.

**Fort Belvoir:**

The Belvoir Eagle reported June 2 that Virginia Department of Transportation officials would consider awarding a contract that would allow construction to begin on a two-mile stretch of the Fairfax County Parkway on about 170 acres owned by the U.S. Army.

That could happen before the EPA has approved the environmental remediation performed by the Army at the site.

A June 20 meeting of Army and Fort Belvoir, VDOT, and EPA is planned to hammer out the details of what information the EPA will require from the Army in order for it to give a green light to the \$85 million project, which has been in the planning stages for nearly three years.

For more on this story and other Fort Belvoir news, visit [www.belvoireagle.com/](http://www.belvoireagle.com/) on the Web.

**Fort Gordon:**

The Signal reported June 3 that Eisenhower Army Medical Center ophthalmologists are seeing an increase in cases of kerato conjunctivitis, a viral infection (pink eye) that is highly infectious.

Preventive medicine reported six new cases of the infection in a recent one-week period.

For more on this story and other Fort Gordon news, visit [www.gordon.army.mil/pao/arc/lives.htm](http://www.gordon.army.mil/pao/arc/lives.htm) on the Web.

## Storms flood roads, basements

**Staff report**

Thunderstorms dumped torrents of rain on Fort Riley and the surrounding region June 3 and 4, but caused minimum disruption to post operations, according to reports from the provost marshal. The most significant flooding problems were at the Ogden gate and on Williston Point Road, said

Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek.

The short but intense rainfall June 4 forced closure of Williston Point Road, he said, because of the flooding and debris in the roadway.

"Ogden gate had about four to six inches of standing water at the security checkpoint, at the ACP tool booth and in the roadway after passing through the gate

onto Huebner," he added.

Zabek complimented the military policemen and AKAL guards at that access point. They did "a fine job in slowing and directing traffic through the water and continuing operations without compromising security of the installation," he said.

Minor flooding occurred around the rest of the post, Zabek

said, but the water had dissipated after about two hours.

Weather conditions prompted the provost marshal to exercise the post's tornado warning Standard Operating Procedures, Zabek said.

"We posted MPs for a short duration around the Fort Riley high points to watch for signs of tornadoes, but nothing was reported," he said.

Julie Poyser with the Directorate of Public Works, recalled that the post had several flooded basements in Main Post buildings. Public Works employees were still gathering detailed information about the storm's impact as of the Post's deadline June 7 and she had no other information to report.

## Tornado test



Spec. Cindy Kowalski, 648th ASG, plays the role of a tornado victim. Emergency medical personnel responding to the mock tornado disaster carry her to a triage area for medical evaluation. The exercise scenario created mass casualties in a barracks hit by a tornado June 6.

Post/Blackmon



A medical official writes down information about a burn victim.

Post/Blackmon

## Emergency crews exercise capability

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

The natural disaster exercise that tested Fort Riley's emergency personnel readiness June 6 could have been the real thing.

"As we saw (with the storms June 4 and 5), we have severe weather that comes through Fort Riley. It's important that we be able to respond with appropriate measures and to provide immediate medical care," said Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek, post provost marshal

and commander of the 924th Military Police Battalion.

Severe thunderstorms and minor flooding deluged Fort Riley June 4 and 5. The June 6 exercise used a tornado scenario to test the post's emergency response capabilities.

Fort Riley's tornado sirens wailed at 10 a.m. that Monday. Soon thereafter, reports indicated a tornado had hit the post. Massive injuries were reported at barracks No. 8006. Additional injuries were reported at the

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## 'Cops' in blue begin patrols

DA policemen shift to post responsibilities

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

Fort Riley's provost marshal shifted 52 Department of the Army police officers to general post law enforcement May 7.

The officers had previously manned the Henry Drive access control point from Interstate 70 to Fort Riley.

The change means the DA police officers join members of the 977th Military Police Company and activated members of Company A (MP Provisional), 1st Battalion, 190th Field Artillery, Montana Army National Guard, in patrolling the post.

Members of Co. A have also assumed primary responsibility for the Henry Drive access control point.

The shift in law enforcement responsibilities for the DA police force at Fort Riley is another step toward the ultimate goal of a DA policy that directs installation law enforcement become a joint operation between military police and DA police.

As the force of choice, military police units will continue to be the force required for law enforcement and anti-terrorism operations in Iraq. The objective for Fort Riley is 60 percent military police and 40 percent civilian police in the Provost Marshal's Office. We are about 50-50, said Lt. Col. Anthony Zabek, post provost marshal.

"These are not contracted employees, like the AKAL employees assigned access control point duties," Zabek emphasized. "By federal law, we cannot contract law enforcement for the installation," he explained.

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## Service honors sergeant

Soldier remembered as leader, friend to all

By Mike Heronemus

Editor

"He was the type of person we would all like to be or would like our children to be," confided Maj. Kevin West, 3rd Brigade rear detachment commander, speaking at the June 6 memorial service for the 52nd Fort Riley Soldier to die in Iraq.

Sgt. Kenneth J. Schall of the 3rd Bde.'s Company A, 2nd Bat-

talion, 70th Armor, died May 22 when his "Humvee" was involved in a motor vehicle accident in Yusufiyah.

Schall didn't have to be in Iraq, West told the people assembled to honor the fallen Soldier in the presence of his parents, brother and sister. He was attending college with the intention of becoming a history teacher when he heard the call to be part of something larger than self, West said.

That decision to enlist in the Army in May 2003 was just one example of how his family-instilled values and beliefs showed in the way Schall developed as a leader and friend admired by his fellow Soldiers, West suggested. He quickly displayed his potential to assume responsibility for whatever he was asked to do and, within a year, was leading Soldiers, he said.

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The symbolic empty helmet and boots displayed with an M-16 rifle stand beside a portrait of Sgt. Kenneth Schall, the 52nd Fort Riley Soldier to die in Iraq.

Post/Heronemus

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## Post news in brief

### Reward offered for information

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$500 reward for information concerning the theft of a motorcycle on post.

The blue and white Yamaha YZ125 dirt bike was reportedly stolen sometime between midnight March 17 and 8:45 a.m. March 18 from the parking lot next to Building 7846.

Anyone with information about this theft should contact the Fort Riley CID office at DSN 856-8641 or at 239-8641 or call the local military police station.

### Toastmasters set open house

Old Bill's Toastmasters is planning an "Open House" June 23 at Rally Point on Fort Riley to recruit new members.

Current club members plan to provide new member information packets and benefits, offer tips on public speaking and may conduct a mock meeting, said member Jim Hill.

For more information, call Hill at 761-1130.

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## Advance party returns from Iraq

Karolina Lovejoy hugs her husband, Capt. Robert Lovejoy of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, upon his return to Fort Riley June 2. He was one of 21 1st Bn., 41st Inf., Soldiers in the battalion's advance party returning from duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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## Schall

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"The Army needs Soldiers like Sgt. Kenneth Schall more than they need the Army," West said.

"Kenny always got the job done," recalled Staff Sgt. Bradley Wyatt, who said he never doubted Schall was ready for the sergeant's promotion board when that time came.

He might make mistakes, but he learned from those mistakes and carried on, Wyatt said.

Spc. Thomas Clark met Schall on their first rotation to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"He was motivated. He knew what he wanted and he was ready," Clark said.

Schall turned a lot of new privates in the 1st Platoon into good Soldiers, he added.

Both Soldiers speaking at the memorial service counted themselves among the many friends Schall made in Co. A and the battalion.

"Not many would take the time out of their life to help others, but he did," Clark said about Schall.

Both Soldiers also recalled Schall's sarcasm, wit and willing-

ness to be the butt of a joke as well as enjoying fun times with others.

Wyatt struggled with tears and sniffles as he recalled the many good times he and others shared with Schall.

"He was a great friend to everyone around him. He would

relax with us, act the fool with us, laugh at us when we were trying to dance.

"He will be remembered for all the fun times and for all those Friday night fishing stories," Wyatt said.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley,

presented Schall's parents, John and Terri Schall, with a Meritorious Service Medal. The medal was awarded to their son posthumously for his exceptional service as an armor crewman.

Schall's other medals include the Army Commendation Medal and Valorous Unit Award.

He also was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Good Conduct Medal.



Sgt. Kenneth  
Schall



Sgt. Paul Nunes briefs the oncoming shift of DA police officers and military policemen of the 977th MP Co. and the 192nd MP Det. June 7. Law enforcement patrols at Fort Riley have become integrated manning with the introduction of DA police officers to patrols.

## Police

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The DA police officers are Army civilian employees with the same goal as their Army counterparts, he said. That goal is "to assist, protect and defend as if I was a Soldier," said DA Police Capt. James DeMaroney. The new chief of law enforcement operations will be the senior DA police officer. He is expected to report for duty in the near future, DeMaroney said.

The DA police are not a separate agency from the Provost Marshal's Office. All DA police and military police work for me, as the provost marshal, Zabek said.

### MPs will continue to patrol

Addition of the DA police to post law enforcement activities does not mean the military police will go away, Zabek said.

"The provost marshal will always be a 'green sutter,' and MPs will continue to patrol the post. We will always have the need to train MPs to do the job the Army wants them to do: law enforcement, security, access control point operations and anti-terrorism operations. The training they get on the installation here are the skills that they will use in Iraq," he explained.

Using the DA police will also allow MP units more time down-range for tactical collective training, he said.

Adding DA police to post patrols will not reduce the law enforcement service provided or the quality of that service, Zabek assured. "We built the structure of the DA police force to mirror the provost marshal's office structure," he said.

Eventually, 102 DA policemen will be patrolling Fort Riley, DeMaroney said. The DA police began serving at Fort Riley in October 2004 and DeMaroney said he expects the force to be at full strength by October this year.

The DA civilian police bring extensive law enforcement experience to Fort Riley, he said. The added police force includes officers who were sheriffs, civilian police officers and former military policemen. "Most of the DA police leadership (including DeMaroney) are retired military policemen," he said.

All DA police officers must have served in civilian law enforcement positions, have been military policemen and be certified law enforcement officers, DeMaroney said.

New DA police officers spend some time, at first, manning the Henry Drive access control point and visitor center at that gate, he said. "They must complete a three-week police academy taught at Fort Riley and then spend two weeks on 'right seat rides before I sign off that they are ready to patrol,'" Zabek added.

Post residents should consider the DA police officers just as they would a military policeman, Zabek said.

"They have the same authority and will handle people the same way military policemen do," he said. "They do not have the authority to put people in (a civilian) jail, although they may make apprehensions and place violent perpetrators in temporary custody in the Provost Marshal's Office holding cells."

Soldiers and family members on post are disciplined through the military chain of command and federal magistrate court system, depending upon the infraction, he explained.

### DA police add stability, continuity

The advantages Zabek sees with having DA police officers involved in law enforcement on post include more continuity in law enforcement and more familiarity with the post community because they will not be subject to deployments.

Having very qualified and mature officers added to the force law enforcement service will not diminish because active duty military police are deployed.

"The DA police officers' motto will be the same as that of the military policeman: Of the troops and for the troops," Zabek said.

# Employee health plan expands two benefits

By David McGlinchey

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan will offer expanded dental and vision coverage to government workers and retirees beginning in the summer of 2006, according to a letter sent from the Office of Personnel Management to health insurance companies involved in the FEHBP.

"In response to the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004, OPM will implement supplemental dental and vision programs for federal employees, annuitants and their dependents, beginning in July 2006," the letter said.

The dental and vision bill was approved by Congress last December and signed into law. The legislation set out the framework for enhanced dental and vision benefits.

### Employees will pay for added benefits

The offerings will be voluntary, and the federal government will not make a premium contribution to them. The bill specifically ordered that the new dental and vision offerings supplement the existing options.

The OPM letter stated anticipation that some confusion would

arise between existing FEHBP dental plans and supplemental ones.

OPM officials anticipate holding an open season in spring 2006 for federal workers and retirees who wish to enroll in the supplemental programs.

The letter to health insurance carriers emphasized several Bush administration priorities, such as an emphasis on consumer choice in health care. T

he letter also asked for an explanation of pay-for-performance initiatives that health insurance companies are undertaking within their own ranks.

The Defense and the Homeland Security departments are overhauling their personnel systems, including scrapping the General Schedule pay system and replacing it with a performance pay framework.

"Pay-for-performance plans in the health industry incorporate a financial reward system for providers that demonstrate good and safe care," the OPM letter said.

"Such plans could also provide incentives to reduce errors and waste and have great potential for improving patient care and cost savings," it continued.

Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, introduced a bill to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, was scheduled to introduce a similar bill in the Senate.

The Windfall Elimination Provision is a section of a 1983 law that reduces the Social Security benefits of a retired federal worker who has contributed to Social Security and also receives a government pension.

### Provision may reduce Social Security

It applies to Civil Service Retirement System retirees who have spent the bulk of their careers working for the government and part of their careers working in a job covered by Social Security.

Federally Employed Women, a nonprofit advocacy group that has fought for the repeal of WEP, applauded the move.

"FEW appreciates this initiative by both Rep. Brady and Sen. Hutchison and their desire to fix this unfair provision," said FEW President Patricia Wolfe.

The organization lamented the fact, however, that the bill does not address the Government Pension Offset, which prevents government retirees from collecting both a government annuity based on their own work and Social Security benefits based on their spouse's annuity.

# Project adds light to Baghdad

By Kevin Bromley  
100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq – Soldiers of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, and members of the Army Corps of Engineers recently completed an eight-month project that turned on more electricity in Baghdad.

The project culminated work by Iraqi laborers and General Electric employees.

"We added 90 megawatts of electricity to the Baghdad power grid. That's huge," said Capt.



Report from Iraqi Freedom

"The project was a 50/50 mix of Iraqi labor and GE employees, who provided labor and oversight" for the project, Heinz said.

The Qudas Power Plant outside Baghdad is only one of the facilities being refurbished in Iraq through Purchasing Contract Office programs.

The added electricity means that Baghdad citizens will have the power needed to provide essential services and air-conditioning when temperatures skyrocket above 120 degrees Fahrenheit this summer, Heinz said.



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Sgt. Michael Le Bel (in "Humvee" turret) and Pfc. Alejandro Infante (left) of Co. B, 13th Armor, and other Soldiers of 3rd Bde., 1st Armored Div., interview a pedestrian who attempted to pass a U.S. traffic control point during Operation Lightning.



100th MPAD Photo/Bromley

Soldiers of the Iraqi Army's 5th Bn. question residents in a rural area north of Baghdad about terrorist activity in the area. The Iraqi soldiers searched residences and fields during Operation Lightning in coordination with 1st Bn., 13th Armor. The U.S. involvement has been dubbed Operation Squeeze Play. It is a wide-ranging operation designed to disrupt terrorist activities in and around Baghdad.

## 3rd Brigade, Iraqi Army squeeze insurgents

Joint operation results in arrests, improves residents' trust of Iraqi security capabilities

By Kevin Bromley

100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq — Iraqi Army and U.S. Soldiers busied themselves with weapons checks and final preparations in the pre-dawn hours as they prepared to embark on a cordon and search mission northwest of Baghdad.

The vehicles rolled north through the darkness daily to rural neighborhoods where suspected insurgents lived.

"We had information about individuals that were involved in insurgent activity," said Capt. Charles Querriera, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 13th Armor Regiment.

Soldiers of the Iraqi Army's 5th Battalion, whose involvement in the action was dubbed Operation Lightning, and 1st Bn., 13th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, scoured the rural areas around Taji to round up and detain insurgents as part Operation Squeeze Play.



The operation was a joint endeavor between the 5th Bn., Co. B, and 4th Platoon, 977th Military Police Company. The military police and Co. B Soldiers set the cordon, sealing the neighborhood from vehicle traffic.

The first few days of the operation provided several good leads and resulted in several detainees and weapons confiscations, the Co. B commander said.

The Iraqi Army's ability to conduct autonomous operations has come a long way, and they have started taking more responsibility in security operations, Querriera said.

"They're doing intelligence gathering on their own. It was an

initiative on the Iraqi Army's part to disrupt insurgent activity in Baghdad," he added.

The 5th Bn.'s troops left their vehicles quickly and surrounded their four objectives. Once the neighborhood was secured, several members of the 5th Bn. moved to the houses. They woke the occupants with a simple rap on their door.

The Iraqi soldiers knocked on doors, searched houses and the fields surrounding the small village for the suspects. The women were separated from the men, and the residents were questioned. Their homes and grounds were searched for signs of involvement with the insurgency.

"The use of the Iraqi Army was a big success," Querriera indicated. "The Iraqi people

responded positively to them, and they were more willing to talk to the Iraqi Army."

The Iraqi Army is increasingly taking the lead in the security and

stability of the country as witnessed by Operation Lightning and the increased number of autonomous operations.

"During Operation Iraqi Freedom we performed most of the operations. Now the Iraqi police and Iraqi Army are performing and we are there in a support role," Querriera said.

Operations Squeeze Play and Lightning put the Iraqi Army at the forefront of operations in and around Baghdad — a role they have readily accepted. More than 40,000 Iraqi and U.S. troops are participating in the two operations.

"This operation is significant because it places emphasis on the Iraqi Army protecting Iraqi people from terrorists who want the new Iraqi government to fail," said Col. David Bishop, commander of 3rd Bde., 1st Armored Div. "It demonstrates that their government is taking action to solve a problem that affects them."



100th MPAD Photo/Bromley

Iraqi Army soldiers provide security from a rooftop in a rural area north of Baghdad. They were taking part in Operation Lightning, an Iraqi Army and U.S. coordinated effort to disrupt terrorist activities in and around Baghdad.

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# Commentary

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## Riley Roundtable

### This week's question:

Father's Day is June 19. What is the most important thing your father taught you or your fondest memory of your father?



"How to ride my bike when I was younger."

**Connor Howard**  
student  
Fort Riley, Kan.



"I remember him just being there for me."

**Antonio Jones**  
Civilian truck driver  
Home: Junction City, Kan.



"When I did something wrong, he taught me how to fix it."

**Jennifer McAden**  
Junction City High School student  
Home: Huntsville, Ala.



"I remember when we used to go fishing, he used to bait my hook and I caught small fish."

**Anitra Chyrell Rivera**  
Military spouse  
Secretary, City of Junction City  
Home: San Jose, Calif.



"He taught me to drive."

**Audrey Rogers**  
Court clerk, City of Junction City  
Home: North Little Rock, Ark.

### E-mailed response:

"My father taught us what the Army uses as 'Army Values' when I was about 7 years old. But, one of the many important things he taught me was self-respect."

"My father used profanity around us; however, when I was about 6 years old I remember one of his friends using profanity in my and my mother's presence. I hear my father's words as clear as day: 'Man, don't you see my wife and daughter standing here?'"

"I learned from that day on that women/ladies are to be treated and respected as such. That's what I tell my Soldiers. I also tell young Soldiers that's why I don't listen to music that degrades women, because my father taught me that that was unacceptable."

**Staff Sgt. Trina R. Avery**  
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate  
24th Infantry Division (Mech)

### Next week's question:

What is the most reckless thing you've seen a person do while they were driving?

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*Editor's note: The following remarks were made by the Dr. Paul W. Mayberry, deputy under secretary of defense for readiness and reported by Jennifer J. Albert for Army News Service.*

**W**ASHINGTON – Soldiers will continue to train with members of other services as the Army works to transform its training and to improve its ability to work in a joint environment.

Training transformation is about making sure that we are focused on training the way we actually fight. That is, as a joint team with the other services, as part of a joint multinational force, with interagency such as the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security and intergovernmental agencies such as county and local police.

One of the Department of Defense's transformation goals is ultimately to create a more joint force to meet the needs of the combatant commander and that transforming Department of Defense training is a key element to achieving that goal.

As Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom continue, the demands are that we have an armed force that is flexible and adaptable.

The Army's 2004 Posture Statement said one of the Army's goals for transformation is to provide relevant and ready land power for combat commanders in a joint force.

Maintaining a ready current force today and achieving a transformed future force tomorrow requires a shift in the way units train for joint operations.

Our Army's Training Transformation Initiative, which supports the June 2004 Defense Department Training Transformation



**Paul Mayberry**

Implementation Plan, provides dynamic, capabilities-based training and mission rehearsal in a joint context.

Three capabilities form the foundation for training

transformation: Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability, Joint National Training Capability and Joint Assessment and Enabling Capability.

Combatant commanders, through these capabilities, will receive better prepared forces that will be more aligned with their joint needs.

The JKDDC is designed to be a library of training courses available through various online outlets that can be taken just-in-time or when a Soldier is assigned to a unit in which the training is required.

JKDDC is developing courses that originate through the JKDDC working group. More than 35 organizations, including the Army, are represented on the working group. The courses will better prepare individuals for assignment to the combatant command staffs.

**F**uture joint force leaders must strive to reach new joint education and training standards by continually improving individual knowledge, skills and abilities to achieve desired effects in decisive operations, according to the Department of Defense Training Transformation Implementation Plan.

For example, cultural and lan-

guage training is being implemented into current Army deployment workups. The incorporation of foreign speakers is being done to be able to present answers to tactical-level problems to the individuals.

The Army, through its force rebalancing efforts, has begun taking individuals with field artillery backgrounds and sending them to military police training. There is not a great deal of demand for field artillery currently, so those individuals are being cross-trained to fill the need for military police.

This will meet the drive of individuals managing their own careers and focusing on self-development. It will also get individuals cross-trained in other areas to broaden the base for which they deploy.

**T**he Joint National Training Capability will provide the ability for all the services to participate in real-time, simulated training. The idea is to make service specific events more joint in character. We can't have everyone in one place at one time. This will give them the means to plug into the event from their home station.

The JNTC will give command staffs and units a live, virtual (person in a simulator) and constructive (computer-generated) environment that will eventually be available globally.

Active and reserve component members from all services will be able to train in this realistic venue.

Eventually it will incorporate a larger training audience that includes coalition partners and federal, state, local and non-governmental agencies.

The last facet, Joint Assessment and Enabling Capability,

### Want to know more?

For more information on Army transformation, visit [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil) and for information about the Department of Defense training transformation, visit [www.12net.org](http://www.12net.org).

focuses on the process of anticipating and evaluating the development of the training transformation.

This process includes the use of performance assessment tools, techniques, policies and metrics, in support of national security requirements, according to the DoD transformation plan. It will give leaders the guidance necessary to achieve transparency between training and operations and ultimately making the force more adaptable.

The Army's posture statement indicates the objective is to increase the ability to think and act jointly and to provide Soldiers with the latest and most relevant techniques, procedures and equipment that will make them successful on the battlefield.

Training transformation improves joint force readiness by enabling personnel to think in terms of the joint concepts and build upon service education and training.

As the Army goes through its modernization, its modernization and fielding its future combat systems, training transformation must really be ahead of that to be sure these training enablers are in place. We must support future concepts from a joint perspective and not just from a single service perspective.

### Letter to editor

## Remarks on stress may not fit some

**I** took great offense and insult on behalf of my husband to two comments made in the article "Panel addresses combat stress" appearing in the May Post.

Those comments were: "(Bill) Speer contends that everybody who goes to war experiences combat stress. If you've got someone who goes to that theater not experiencing stress, then they have more deeply rooted psychological problems. If they go there and enjoy that, if they go there and don't care, not only do they have a problem, but they are a danger to the unit."

"Pearl Speer suggested personal hatred works its way into the combat scenario. I think the only way a Soldier can do what a Soldier has to do is (develop) a hatred for a whole class of people, and then (they) have to do something with that hatred when (they) come back."

My husband was raised as a missionary's child living in third world countries the majority of his life. As a child, "gorilla warfare" held him at gunpoint. Immediately after graduating from high school, he departed for San Diego, where he attended boot camp for the Marine Corps Reserves.

After serving eight years, he received an honorable discharge on Sept. 13, 2001, just two days after 9-11. He was never activated in the Marine Corps Reserves. Feeling that he escaped his duty to serve his country, he wanted to enlist.

(Personal and family situations kept him from enlisting immediately.)

He joined on July 30, 2003. We arrived to Fort Riley Aug. 7, and he finally departed for OIF and joined his deployed unit on Oct. 14. He was deployed for six months when he returned home with his unit April 2, 2004. He finally served his country and defended our freedoms the most honorable way.

In August 2004 my husband

was diagnosed with an incurable disease that is photosensitive, meaning he must avoid prolonged sun exposure. My husband could have taken the easy road and accepted the medical evaluation board and received disability, VA benefits and not have to ever deploy again. But that is not in him.

He faced the review board to prove that he is able to serve his country and the Army, requesting reclassification into an MOS that would keep him out of the harmful sun.

He was ultimately awarded his request to reclass and will be leaving Fort Riley in the next few months to attend AIT.

I tell you my husband's story to make a point that his journey is not fueled by hatred. "Personal hatred" is not something my Soldier had to develop for a whole class of people to do what he was sworn to do when he joined the Army.

**M**y husband went to combat in Iraq, and he does not suffer from any type of combat stress. Does that mean that he has a "deeply rooted psychological problem?"

It is not that he deployed and enjoyed the experience; it is not that he did not care; and at no time was he a danger to anyone in his unit.

He deployed without hesitation because it is what he was trained to do and it was his duty.

Sure, they came under mortar attacks, small arms fire and had their fair share of IEDs.

I would like to believe that my husband did not and does not suffer from combat stress because he is driven by a greater force: love.

I would like to believe that OIF/OEF are about love. Love for another country and their people, to help them have what we have one day.

**Shelley Ann Burge**  
Soldier's spouse

### Grunt By Wayne Udden



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# 'Salute' honors supporters

## New recognition program thanks those who back Soldiers

By Eric Cramer  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Army launched its Freedom Team Salute campaign early in May in its effort to recognize those who support Soldiers' service and veterans who have served the country in the past.

In that kick-off ceremony, the Army honored David Rodriguez, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War who serves as commander of the American GI Forum, an organization for Hispanic veterans of the Army.

The Freedom Team Salute package includes an "Army of One" lapel pin, an official Army decal, a letter of appreciation signed by the Army chief of staff and the secretary of the Army and a letter of thanks signed by the chief of staff and the secretary.

Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey said the campaign's goal is to recognize those who make Soldiers' service possible.

"Our Soldiers could not answer their noble calling of defending the values that have made our

### Want to recognize someone?

*A five-person team from the Pentagon will be at the Fort Riley Main PX June 10-13 to tell people about the Freedom Team Salute program and to help them submit nominations of people they would like to see honored.*

*Soldiers who wish to nominate someone to receive the Freedom Team Salute recognition can also do so by visiting the campaign's official Web site at [freedomteamsalute.army.mil](http://freedomteamsalute.army.mil).*

country great - this call to duty - without the support of those from whom they draw so much strength; spouses, parents, relatives, teachers friends and employers," Harvey said.

He said Army veterans also are a key part of the campaign.

"Freedom Team Salute provides another opportunity for the Army to show its appreciation to veterans and Veteran Service Organizations for their dedicated service and continued support of today's Soldiers and families."

Gen. Richard Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, said Freedom Team Salute is a way to recognize the sacrifices of those who don't wear the Army's uniform. He said

he had recently visited a New York National Guard unit who had rescued American hostage Thomas Hamill.

Cody introduced three Soldiers who had nominated family members or employers for the Freedom Team Salute program.

First Lt. Jennifer McGhee, U.S. Army National Guard 1710th Transportation Co., presented the commemoration package to her

employer, Chris Small, of the Alexandria, Va.-based Arrowpoint Corp. Small is an Army veteran who, she said, not only supported her service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, but promoted her upon her return.

Master Sgt. John Melada presented the Freedom Team Salute package to his wife, Michelle, for her support while he was deployed with the 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion.

Sgt. Nicolas Turner of The Old Guard presented his parents with the recognition for their support of his service.

Rodriguez said receiving the Freedom Team Salute recognition is an honor.

"When I saw the one sergeant present the pin to his wife, or the young sergeant to his parents, it almost brought tears to my eyes," Rodriguez said.

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## Tax center's users get \$7.5M in refunds

By Jamie Bender  
19th PAD

Before closing its doors last month, the Fort Riley Tax Center processed more than 4,000 federal tax returns and almost as many state returns.

"The refund amount for the year was about \$7.5 million," said Capt. Jason Elbert, installation tax attorney. "(Soldiers) saved \$771,877 in tax preparation fees."

While the regular tax season ended last month for most Americans, Soldiers returning from deployment have an automatic 180-day extension to file their 2004 taxes. Tax assistance is available for those who still need to file.

"If you haven't done them, you can still set up an appointment with legal assistance to get taxes done, whether it's an extension or back taxes," Elbert said.

A spouse can file with a power of attorney if his or her Soldier is deployed. Three kinds of powers of attorney are accepted at the tax center.

"We accept ... a general or special power of attorney, as long as it says something about taxes," Elbert said. "The IRS also has a special form, 2848, which is a power of attorney for taxes and it doesn't require a notary. You just fill out the form and send it in with the tax return. It can be picked up at legal assistance or the SRP (Soldier Readiness Processing) site, or you can go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and print one off."

In addition to the filing exten-

sion, money earned in a combat zone is tax exempt. The amount is separated from taxable income on the W2.

The wages listed in box one on your W2 is your taxable income for the year, Elbert explained.

"Deployment income is not included in that number. There is a box 14 with a code Q that shows the amount of the nontaxable combat income."

A change in the tax law allows the option of including nontaxable income in figuring Earned Income Credit.

The EIC is figured on a curve so that the more money you make up to a certain point, the more money you get back. Then the amount returned tapers off until EIC does not return anything. The software that the tax center uses runs the figures both ways to determine which way is more beneficial, Elbert explained.

Refunds on late taxes will be paid up to three years after the tax year, but penalties on taxes owed can add up, Elbert said. Interest on the amount of taxes owed to the IRS ranges from five to 10 percent.

"... There can also be a late penalty that depends on how many months late they are (filing)," he said. "The longer they wait, the more interest and penalties are going to accrue. If they have never done taxes, they need to come in and get them done because if the IRS ever gets them, it's going to be tough."

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# Professor voices concerns about war coverage

*Army staff college, KSU exercise raises issues about objectivity of embedded reporters*

**By Levi Wolters**  
*Kansas State University*

MANHATTAN — Reporters embedded with the military run the risk of losing their objectivity, believes Fred Brock, a former New York Times editor and reporter who is now a Kansas State University journalism professor.

"I think (losing objectiveness) is a danger," said Brock, the R.M. Seaton Professional Journalism Chair at K-State's A.Q. Miller

School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

"You are eating with them, you are eating with them, so it's human nature to become very defensive of the group."

"It's not a good spot for a reporter to be in. I wouldn't want to say they lose objectivity, but they run the risk of it happening."

"It's hard to spend so much time with a group, then turn around and write bad stuff about them," Brock said.

The professor recently led a group of K-State journalism stu-

dents as they were transformed into embedded reporters in a simulated battle exercise through the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

## Professor never was embedded

"Despite 40 years in the news business, I have never been an embedded reporter," Brock said.

"My only experience with embedded reporting was with the

students in the war games at Fort Leavenworth. However, I think people would like to hear someone with broad experience in the press comment on this," he said.

Brock has worked as an editor and reporter for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Houston Chronicle and The Louisville Courier-Journal.

He has taught undergraduate reporting and editing at New York University and has been a fellow at the Washington Journalism Center.

Brock earned his bachelor's

degree in English literature from Hanover College in Indiana and his master's in education from Temple University in Philadelphia.

Brock said he is skeptical of the process of embedded journalism as a whole.

## Embedding could be bad in long run

"I might stress that in the long run, this could be bad for the military," he said.

"There needs to be checks and balances, tension if you will, in our system of government. That tension is important between reporters and the military, and I think that could get lost with this."

"I just want people to start thinking about these issues," he said.

"Americans are sometimes not very good at long-term thinking. They tend to think about what's good in the short term. The present notion is that it works now. But is it good for the long run?" he asked.

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## Post news in brief

### Drinking water report available

Fort Riley's annual consumer confidence report shows the post's drinking water met or surpassed all federal and state drinking water regulations in 2004.

The report is posted on the Internet at [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil). On the post's homepage, follow the link to Services, Fort Riley Services and then to the Environment page. That page will have a link that will display the 2004 report.

The report provides information on the type and name of the water source; information on contaminants, including a mandatory monitoring list; information on detected regulated or unregulated contaminants; any violations associated with monitoring and reporting; and additional health information for immuno-compromised individuals.

For more information about Fort Riley's report, consumers can call the Environmental Division Drinking Water Program Manager at 239-2630.

### Waste centers to close early

The Fort Riley Recycle Center, Environmental Waste Management Center and Hazardous Material Processing Center will close at 11 a.m. June 17.

For more information, call Jill Dalton at 239-2385.

### PX, commissary council to meet

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service-Defense Commissary Agency council at Fort Riley will meet at 2 p.m. June 23 at the Sports Page, Building 7840, on Custer Hill.

Meetings are scheduled the third Thursday of each month. The purpose of the meetings is to bring to light any changes in service and new programs. The meetings also serve as a basic source of information on what is going on at the commissary and within AAFES.

Representatives of both agencies attend the meetings, which are open to all interested patrons.

For more information, call Debbie Julian, exchange business manager for AAFES, at 784-4094 or Christine Harlan, public affairs representative for AAFES, at 784-4439.

### Troop clinic adds services

Behavioral health services are now available at the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic.

Any active duty Soldier can speak with a credentialed social worker in the clinic from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary; services are provided on a walk-in basis.

For more information, call the CTMC at 239-4411.

### Civilians must attend training

All civilian employees are required to receive anti-terrorism awareness training on an annual basis. Initial training must be conducted in person with a trained anti-terrorism Officer.

Refresher training can be fulfilled by attending a session with a certified AT trainer or on-line at [www.at-awareness.org](http://www.at-awareness.org) (log-in "aware").

Anti-terrorism training is conducted at 9 a.m. every Thursday in the Patton Hall auditorium, 200 Henry Avenue. The training is scheduled to run until 10:30 a.m. and is conducted as part of the in-processing for new and mobilizing Soldiers.

Attendees will receive a training data sheet certificate for their personnel record.

# 'Iron Rangers' welcome new battalion commander

**Stephanie Perrin**

Staff writer

A former company commander returned to the Army's Warfighting Center to assume command of 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, June 8.

Lt. Col. Frank Zachar formerly commanded Company B, 2nd Battalion, 16th Inf., and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., when last stationed at Fort Riley.

He succeeded Lt. Col. Thomas Hollis as the battalion commander. Hollis moves to a post as assistant chief of staff for the 24th Infantry Division (Mech). Hollis had commanded 1st Bn., 16th Inf., since May 2003. As commander, he led the "Iron Rangers" during a yearlong tour in Iraq in

support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Zachar was commissioned in the Infantry in 1987 when he graduated from the ROTC program at West Virginia University, where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate.

He served as rifle platoon leader, company executive officer, support platoon leader and operations air officer during early career assignments at Fort Bragg, N.C., with 2nd Bn., 325th Airborne Infantry.

Zachar also led Soldiers as a platoon leader as part of Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operation Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia and Operation Desert Storm in Iraq.

After a subsequent tour of duty at Fort Riley, Zachar returned to Fort Bragg to serve as executive

officer of 1st Bn., 325th Airborne Inf. While there, he deployed to Kosovo as part of Operation Joint Guardian.

Zachar's next served with the 82nd Airborne Division and went to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

After service in Afghanistan, Zachar returned to the 325th Airborne Inf. as the operations officer and subsequently deployed to Iraq.

Zachar served the past year as executive officer for the regiment before returning to Fort Riley.

The battalion commander's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. He also wears the Combat Infantryman and Expert Infantryman Badges.

## Employees seek donated leave

**CPAC**

As of May 11, several Fort Riley employees are experiencing a personal or a family medical emergency and facing a period of more than 24 hours of Leave Without Pay.

The following individuals have requested that their names be released in order that they may receive donated leave.

Helen Sample, Medical Department Activity, control number CPACLT0504

Geraldine Wang, MEDDAC, control number CPACLT1004

Arnaldo Valdemar, Directorate of Logistics, control number

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Gail Barnes, Southwest Operations Center, control number

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Lori Griffiths, SWOC, control number CPACLT1205

Venus VanDeventer, SWOC,

control number CPACLT1305

To donate annual leave to any of these individuals, complete OPM Form 630-A. This form is located on the CPAC Intranet Web site under "Forms."

Completed forms should be forwarded to Kathy Patzner.

For more information on leave donation procedures, call Kathy Patzner at 239-3171.

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# Soldiers supply school, aid

By Kevin Bromley,  
3rd Bde., 1st Armored Div.

TAJI, Iraq - The 68th Corps Support Battalion and Team 4 of Company B, 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion's "Humvees" rolled down the rural route to Jorfa Al Melleb.

Along the dusty road children and adults left their mud-brick houses to wave and give a thumbs-up sign as the U.S. troops passed.

Jorfa Al Melleb is an impoverished rural community northwest of Baghdad. The residents there lack most of the basic necessities of life.

"They seem to get excited when we roll into town, especial-

ly when we pull up to a school. ... They know we are going to pass out supplies," said Capt. Alex Rammage, Co. A's commander.

This visit brought paper, pencils and other supplies to assist many of the first- through third-graders of Al Hilla elementary school with their studies.

Capt. Adrian J. Crimmins, 68th CSB supply officer, moved into the small adobe style school building and went from classroom to classroom passing out the supplies to legions of smiling children.

"The supplies came from my mother's hometown, White River Junction, Vt.," Crimmins said. "She put the word out around the hospital, and they sent them to me."

These humanitarian missions are important to communities like Jorfa Al Melleb because the schools are unable to purchase the supplies they need.

"It was very difficult to get school books, and the price is very high. ... We couldn't get enough for the students and it was very poor quality," said a school administrator.

Assisting the region's schools by providing supplies is only one facet of the civil improvement and assistance programs initiated by Coalition Forces.

Several projects are under way to improve existing education infrastructure and refurbish or build new school houses.

"We have a plan to build another building across the street to

house our secondary school," said an administrator.

Iraqi children need new schools and improvements to existing structures to provide a healthy and safe learning environment.

"We have projects to add to this school and others, but money is tight and more responsibility for these projects was turned over to the Iraqi Ministry of Education as the new government expands its influence," said Capt. Mark Jeffery, commander of Civil Affairs Team 4.

During the visit to Jorfa Al Melleb, a child walked up with a severe burn covering almost six inches of his calf. The 68th CSB medic, Sgt. Kevin J. Hammer of Rossville, Kan., opened the back of his truck and began to treat the boy's wound.

"It's OK. ... You'll be all right," said Hammer, comforting the boy as he cleaned the wound with a sterile solution.

The boy winced in pain and clutched his brother's shoulder while Hammer worked. The medic rubbed an antibiotic salve on the wound and wrapped it with clean gauze.

"Tell him he has to keep it on for at least three to four days," Hammer told the boy's brother.

A wound like this in a region without adequate sanitation and medical facilities can become infected.

Hammer said, "the boy's leg had a pretty serious bacterial infection spreading through it. Another three days or so without treatment and it could develop into gangrene."

He lifted the boy off the tailgate and set him down.

"It's always a good feeling when you can help these people," Hammer said.



Sgt. Kevin J. Hammer, a Kansas National Guard Soldier assigned to the 137th Transportation Company, applies anti-bacterial salve to a child's burn during a humanitarian aid mission in Jorfa Al Melleb, Iraq, May 14. Hammer, a resident of Rossville, Kan., is serving his first tour in Iraq.

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## News from Iraq:

### Iraqi civilians killed in 3rd Brigade area

By Kevin Bromley  
100th MPAD

TAJI, Iraq - An Iraqi civilian was killed and another wounded by a suicide car bomb in the early morning hours June 1 near the village of Mushada northwest of Baghdad, Iraq.

A male of undetermined age was pronounced dead minutes after the attack and a second man was evacuated for medical treatment for wounds he received in the attack.

A third Iraqi male was pronounced dead at the scene and preliminary reports indicate that he may have been involved in the attack.

The suicide bomber attempted to attack a U.S. convoy traveling north on the highway. As the bomber approached the convoy, he command detonated his vehicle.

No American troops were wounded or killed in the attack. "This is another prime example of a cowardly terrorist attack that succeeded in killing or wounding innocent Iraqi people," said Col. David Bishop, commander of 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

"This is the fourth time terrorists have killed innocent civilians on the same stretch of road," Bishop said.

### Iraq asks U.N. to extend Multinational Force

By Donna Miles  
AFPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Iraq's foreign minister asked the United Nations May 31 to extend its authorization for Multinational Force Iraq to remain in the country.

Hoshya Zebari traveled to the world body's New York headquarters to formally request the continuation of the U.S.-led force, authorized by U.N. Resolution 1546.

The resolution, passed in June 2004, requires a review after 12 months, or at the request of the Iraqi transitional government. Its mandate continues through the election of Iraq's new government, scheduled for December.

Iraq's leaders, however, believe that's too soon. "We believe to complete the transitional process and build on the political achievement to date, we need the MNF to continue providing its essential contributions to our security," Zebari told the U.N. Security Council.

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## 'Makeup' creates horrific injuries

These fake injuries and others greeted police, fire and medical emergency responders to the tornado exercise at Fort Riley June 6.

Master Sgt. Kevin Palk and Staff Sgt. Gary Ream, both of Medical Department Activity, created the fake injuries.



Post Photos  
by April Blackmon



## Exercise continued from page 1

Outdoor Recreation Center.

At Building 8006, victims played by Soldiers of the 648th Area Support Group lay in the hallways, stairwells and barracks rooms. Police officials arrived first, secured the scene and began to assess casualties.

Fire Department and Medical Department Activity staff arrived next, set up command posts and began removing the injured from the barracks. Some were able to walk from the building; others were carried out on stretchers.

Firefighters then conducted room-by-room searches for additional victims, said Capt. Delwin Wiemers with the Fort Riley Fire Department.

The tornado exercise included reporting a gas leak to the Directorate of Public Works and testing police responses to family and friends who tried to enter the accident scene.

Fire and medical officials, helped by Soldier volunteers, took the injured to a makeshift triage area across the street from the tornado-damaged barracks. There, injuries were further assessed and victims were taken to area hospitals.

"Once my triage team got here, they started triaging patients, categorizing which ones were immediate ... It went real well. It didn't take that long to get them out," Morefield said.

Irwin Army Community Hospital saw 23 patients, said Jan Clark, the hospital's spokeswoman. Of those patients, 13 were then transferred to local area hospitals and three other patients had died at the scene, she said.

Overall, the exercise was a success, Zabek said.

"It has gone well. Of course, anytime you have an exercise that involved the triad of emergency services - police, fire and EMS - there's a couple of plugs that we have to work out," Zabek said. "But it's exceeded my expectations, getting here, getting the site secured and then getting the dead and wounded outside the barracks and to the hospital."



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Two of the mock victims of a tornado hitting Fort Riley's Custer Hill June 6 are loaded into an SUV for movement to the makeshift triage area across the street from the tornado-damaged barracks hit by the storm. Medical personnel in the triage area evaluated the injured people to decide who would be moved to hospitals immediately.

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## Sports news in brief

### Post tennis tourney set

The Fort Riley battalion-level tennis tournament will run June 20-24. Each battalion commander is authorized to enter six singles players and one doubles team on the men's side and four singles players and one doubles team on the women's side.

Singles players may enter and compete in the doubles competition as well.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. June 14 at King Field House. A team roster signed by the battalion commander must be given to the Sports Office by close of business June 15. For more information, call 239-2172.

### Wichita team to honor military

The Wichita Wranglers baseball team will host a military appreciation night June 11. They are offering \$ tickets for military members and their families. The tickets need to be picked up at the Fort Riley Information, Ticketing and Registration Office.

The Wranglers Professional Baseball Team is affiliated with the Kansas City Royals. They play the Tulsa Drillers field beginning at 7 p.m.

The Wranglers' Tribute to Armed Forces Night will feature an appearance by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard and fireworks following the game. For information about the tickets, contact Teresa Mayes at 239-5614.

For information about the Wichita Wranglers, call (316) 267-3372 or visit the Wranglers Web site at [www.wichitawranglers.com](http://www.wichitawranglers.com).

### Rec Center staff plans canoe trip

The Outdoor Recreation Center staff will be offering three canoe trips this summer: June 18, July 30 and Aug. 20. Each trip will start at 9 a.m. and canoes will be home around 3 p.m.

Participants will float from the U.S. Highway 24 bridge to St. George.

The \$15 fee includes canoe, paddles, life vest and transportation to and from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

For more information or to register, call 239-2363.

### Bowling costs \$1 Wednesdays

On Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. now through Aug. 31, Custer Hills Bowling Center will feature all types of dollar specials. Bowlers can buy a \$2 wristband and bowl for \$1 per game.

They can rent shoes for \$1 and try some of the snack bar's food items for \$1. For more information, call the bowling center at 239-4366.

### Lousy bowlers being sought

Alley-challenged bowlers can sign up at the Custer Hill Bowling Center for a nine-week bowling league designed for lousy bowlers. League teams will bowl every Wednesday evening June 15 through Aug. 10. Teams of three to five members can enter for \$80 per person.

For more information, call the Custer Hill Bowling Center at 239-4366.

## Soldier wins world shooting crown

Army News Service

LONATO, Italy — A Soldier assigned to the Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga., also wears the mantle of a world champion.

Pvt. Joshua M. Richmond of Hills Grove, Pa., won the first gold medal for the United States at the 2005 International Shooting Sport Federation World Shotgun Championships in Junior Men's Double Trap May 27.

Richmond, who has been a shotgun shooter with the USAMU since Feb. 1, won his first world championship medal with a total score of 132 points, five points above his next competitor, Byron Swanton of the Republic of South Africa.

Richmond, 19, also led the United States to the medal stand for a second time May 27 in the Junior Men's Team event. Richmond, Matthew Drexler of Kearney, Mo., and Cory Sidorek of Dallas, Pa., won the team bronze medal with a 366 total team performance. Italy's junior team won the gold medal with a 368, while Russia's junior team took the silver with a 367.

Richmond joined the Army in October and was assigned to the Army Marksmanship Unit after he completed basic and infantry training at Fort Benning. The infantryman is single and lives at Fort Benning.

In Men's Double Trap, Jeff Holguin of Yorba Linda, Calif., went into the finals tied for second place

but emerged in fourth place after the 50-target final. Holguin, a Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center resident athlete, missed nine targets in the finals to finish with a 182 total score.

Holguin led the men's U.S. Double Trap Team to the medal stand. His teammates are USAMU's Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson of Buena Vista, Ga., and Glenn Eller of Katy, Texas.

The Men's Double Trap Team took the bronze medal with a 406 total team score.

For more information on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, contact the Public Affairs Office at (706) 545-5436. [paula.pagan@usaac.army.mil](mailto:paula.pagan@usaac.army.mil) or [www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/amu/).



Army News Service photo

Pvt. Joshua Richmond of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit won the first gold medal for the United States at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Shotgun Championships in Lonato, Italy.

## Full swing



Second baseman Jason McCarthy connects with the ball in the 383rd Regiment's 8-5 victory over the 523rd MP Co. June 1 in company league action.

## Unit softball teams battle to advance

Staff report

The 383rd Regiment team defeated the 523rd Military Police Company 8-5 in company level softball in one of four 6 p.m. games played June 1.

In just 30 minutes, the teams were battling in the bottom of the fifth. With the bases loaded, 383rd's Doug Krause hit a triple that gave his team a 5-2 edge. The team added three more runs to its tally before the game's end.

The MPs scored three more points but couldn't match the 383rd's offensive effort. The 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) team beat Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 10-9 in another of those early games June 1.

The Medics secured a 9-5 lead by the end of the fourth inning. Another 82nd Med. Co. run in the fifth gave the team a 10-5 advantage.

The Infantry rallied in the top of the sixth to come within one point of the leaders. Time ran out and the game ended in the bottom of the sixth before the Infantry got another chance at bat.

### In other June 1 games:

The 15th Finance Company edged past Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, 15-13. The 172nd Chemical Company defeated 523rd MP Co. 16-13.

The 300th Military Police Company team defeated 1st Maintenance Company 3-0 and 172nd Chem. Co. 20-7.

Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., won its second game of the night, 12-8, against 15th Finance Co.

The 977th Military Police Company defeated 383rd Regt. 15-5, and Troop D, 4th Cavalry, defeated Company B, 101st Forward Support Battalion.

MEDDAC didn't get to play either of its two scheduled games. Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, and 10th Air Support Operations Squadron forfeited games to MEDDAC.

## Weiss serves as tire carrier

### Mechanic proud to serve Army's team

By William Thurmond  
Army News Service

DOVER, Del. — Most people would hesitate to jump in front of a car going 45 miles an hour.

But, imagine that's your job. For Dave Weiss, the front tire carrier on the Army 01 Chevrolet, it's all in a weekend's work.

"It's not as bad as you might think," Weiss said. "The only time you get concerned is when the car right next to you is pitting at the same time, when he's pulling in while your car is pulling out."

"I generally avoid getting run over, even if it costs us a second or two."

Weiss, who's in his second season on the Army team, gradually migrated into the sport.

"As a hobby, I worked on a friend's race car back home in Wisconsin. I was working my day job full-time and working at his race shop at night."

Eventually, Weiss made his move. "My job was getting in the way of what I wanted to do, so I packed up and moved to North Carolina."

That was six years ago. Now the 37-year-old mechanic finds himself working at the pinnacle of American motor sports. But, like life in today's Army, that means frequent time away from home. Weiss figures he and his teammates are on the road about 170 days a year testing and racing.

Still, Weiss obviously enjoys

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## Army Guard team wins MBNA 400

By William Thurmond  
Army News Service

DOVER, Del. — This weekend's MBNA 400 race schedule the first weekend in June was a study in contrasts. Weather-wise, it began as a miserable downpour June 3 and ended June 4 as bright and sunny a day as one could hope for.

For the Army and National Guard teams, the weekend was also an either-or proposition. For Greg Biffle, driver of the National Guard Ford, it was sunshine all the way as he cruised to

a dominating victory in Sunday's 400-mile race. He led for 150 laps and his car was never seriously challenged for the win by any others in the closing laps.

Mark Martin, who finished third behind series rookie Kyle Busch, said it best: "That was good, old-school racing. The best man won, and that's the way racing should be."

Biffle's victory was especially poignant, as he noted in a post-race interview. During the race, he had carried the picture of a National Guard Soldier who was severely wounded in Iraq taped to

the rollbar of his number 16 Ford. He dedicated this win to that Soldier, as well as all members of the military serving around the world.

Biffle's trip to Victory Lane marked his fourth NEXTEL Cup series win this season, and it allowed him to close the gap between himself and series points leader Jimmie Johnson. The two are now separated by 46 points.

However, Dover's track isn't called the "Monster Mile" for nothing. Only 11 cars finished on the lead lap. Several of NASCAR's most popular and

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Army News Service/Thurmond

Greg Biffle, driver of the National Guard Ford, takes the low road around Joe Nemechek's Army Chevrolet in Dover International Speedway's turn two.





## Sports news in brief

### Gymnasts offered camp

Child and Youth Services is offering three summer gymnastic camp sessions: July 18-22, July 25-29 and Aug. 1-5.

Times, camper category and cost for the first camp are:

- 1-1:50 p.m., 3-5 years old, \$40

- 2-2:50 p.m., 6-9 years old and completed kindergarten through third grade, \$40

- 3-3:50 p.m., beginners 9 years and older, \$40

Times, camper category and cost for the second camp are:

- 1-1:50 p.m., 3-5 years old, \$40

- 2-2:50 p.m., 6-9 years and completed kindergarten through third grade, \$40

- 3-3:50 p.m., beginners 9 years and older, \$40

- 4-5:50 p.m., back hand-spring clinic, \$55

Times, camper category and cost for the third camp are:

- 1-1:50 p.m., 3-5 years old, \$40

- 2-2:50 p.m., 6-9 years old and completed kindergarten through third grade, \$40

- 3-3:50 p.m., beginners 9 years and older, \$40

- 4-5:50 p.m., back hand-spring clinic, \$55

Camper must be registered with CYS, have a current sports physical and must sign up before the start of camp.

For more information, call 239-4847.

### Fish tournaments set for June

The Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center will sponsor two fishing tournaments in June.

Kids ages 2 through 12 are invited to compete June 11 to win prizes for the largest fish by weight, largest fish by length and largest stringer of fish.

The tournament will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Moon Lake.

The entry fee is \$5 per child. Prizes will be awarded at 2:30 p.m. at the south pavilion.

There is a two-fishing-poles limit per person.

Teens ages 13 through 19 are invited to compete to win prizes for the largest fish by weight, largest fish by length and largest stringer of fish.

The tournament will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 25 at Moon Lake.

The entry fee is \$5 per teen.

Prizes will be awarded at 2:30 p.m.

There is a two-fishing-poles limit per person.

For more information or to sign up for either tournament, call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 239-2363.

Pre-registration for the teen tournament closes June 23.

### Prairie runners offered advice

With the Fort Riley Prairie Run drawing near, experienced runner Janine Taylor offers some advice on keeping training positive for the July race.

To stay motivated, she suggests runners:

Alter their running locations.

A change of scenery can help the mental fatigue of running the same route over and over.

Train with a friend. A running partner can make any run better. It also keeps everyone honest.

Runners are less likely to skip an exercise routine when someone is waiting for them.

Enjoy the personal improved physical fitness. On days runners stick to their plan, they will experience more energy throughout the day.

They are training harder or for longer periods of time and pushing past earlier limits.

Moreover, recovery time after a hard workout will seem less and less each day.

Runners need to keep pushing themselves, preparing for the July 23 Prairie Run. One way to do that is to compete in other races, including:

**June 18** – Topeka Triathlon, Topeka, Kan. For more information, visit [www.topekatrimann.com](http://www.topekatrimann.com) on the Web.

**June 18** – Alert 10K, Randolph, Kan. For more information, call (785) 944-3681.

**June 25** – 5K Alzheimer's run/walk, Topeka. For more information, visit [www.kansasaw.kintera.org](http://www.kansasaw.kintera.org) on the Web.

**July 2** – 5K Sabetha Fire-cracker, Sabetha. For more information, visit [www.runsabetha.com](http://www.runsabetha.com) on the Web.

**July 4** – 10K Coors Freedom Run, Junction City. For more information, call (785) 238-7733.

**July 4** – 5K Rocket Run, Abilene. For more information, call (785) 263-3888.

**July 4** – 10K and 5K Powerade Freedom Run, Lenexa. For more information, call (913) 541-0209.



**Dave Weiss, the Army's front tire carrier, gets up on the pit wall in anticipation of Joe Nemechek's arrival in the Army Chevrolet during the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.**

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the excitement and challenges of his chosen profession - especially the 15-second pit stops that can often mean the difference between finishing well and merely finishing.

"They're the favorite part of my job," Weiss said. "I'm pretty lucky that I'm still able to do it at my age. I'm probably older than most guys that go over the wall."

During the stops, Weiss assists the tire changer, who works the impact wrench and loosens and tightens the lug nuts. He'll mount and align the 65-pound tires and clear the worn wheels from pit road. He's also responsible to clean the car's front grill clear of debris.

"I'll also pull tape off of the front to reduce the engine's water temperature during a race," said Weiss.

"Sometimes the car will have minor fender damage that affects the way the car handles. So I'll

also pull the fenders out and back to as close to their original shape as possible, without losing any time on the stop, of course."

Weiss said he likes working on the Army team.

"Ryan (Pemberton, the team's crew chief) is really good about giving the traveling crew as much time off as possible, as long as we still get the job done. Working with Joe Nemechek and Ryan, I think we're pretty darn competitive," he said.

"Meeting Soldiers is probably one of the coolest parts of my job. I mean, here we are at a race, working in a garage, talking to Soldiers who a week ago were in Iraq. That's hard to comprehend."

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successful drivers found themselves struggling to tame the brute, including Dale Earnhardt Incorporated racers Michael Waltrip and Dale Jr. They finished one and three laps down, respectively.

Nine cars failed to complete the race because of accidents or mechanical problems, including rising star Kasey Kahne and veteran Jeff Gordon. Gordon was taken out early when Tony Stewart got into the number 24 Dupont Chevy and sent it slamming rearward into the outside retaining wall.

Among those glad to see the race end was Army driver Joe Nemechek. His '01 Chevrolet started the race 19th. That was as close to the front as "Front Row" Joe got all day. He finished 27th spot, five laps down.

"Let's just say it was not a good day for the Army team," Nemechek said. "We struggled from the beginning and never could get it going. This is the kind of race you want to forget about immediately and start thinking ahead to next week."

In conversations with his crew during the race, Nemechek said the car was the worst he had ever driven.

All afternoon, Nemechek's Army crew made adjustments in an effort to make the car handle on

Dover's steep concrete banking. "We threw everything but the kitchen sink at the car and it never responded," said Ryan Pemberton, the Army team's crew chief.

"We've had much better performances but worse finishes Go figure. This is a crazy business and there are going to be days like we had today. But we'll be better next week and I am confident about that."

After last weekend's heart-breaking finish in Charlotte, where a blown tire cost them an almost certain win in the Coca-Cola 600, the team was ready to bounce back in Dover.

"We were fired up after last week and wanted to put on another great show," Nemechek said. "It didn't happen but no one can ever say that we gave up. We fought hard right up until the checkered flag waved. Charlotte was a strong performance and today wasn't. We're looking to make a 180-degree turnaround in Pocono."

Nemechek and Biffle head into the race the second weekend of June at NASCAR's most unusual and perhaps most challenging track, the 2.5-mile tri-oval shaped Pocono Raceway.

"Pocono couldn't come at a better time," Nemechek said. "We have a good book on that track."



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## Almost there

**82nd Med. Co. first baseman Thomas Salas waits to catch the ball while a Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th runner tries to beat the ball to first. The 82nd Med. Co. team won the June 1 game, 10-9 over the infantrymen.**

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### Clinic offers student physicals

Team No. 3 at the Primary Care Clinic in Irwin Army Community Hospital will be conducting school, preschool and sports physicals for children ages 3 to 17 every Thursday throughout the summer.

This visit is for well children only. Parents should obtain the physical forms and complete their portion before the appointment. Immunizations will be provided if needed.

To schedule and appointment, call 239-DOCS (3627).

### Society seeks ghost stories

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is hunting for new Fort Riley ghost stories to include in its third book.

Anyone who has a "ghost story" to tell should contact a member of the society. If the story is "spooky" enough, it might be included on the popular annual Ghost Tours.

The third book will also feature a "bat story" section. Only the best ones will make the cut.

The deadline for submitting stories is June 22. Stories should be e-mailed to has-frevents@hotmail.com or mailed to HASFR, c/o Cavalry Museum, Building 500, Huebner Road, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

### Support Center posts activities

**June 13** - 9:30 a.m., Community Advisory Council meeting at Riley's Conference Center

**June 13** - noon to 3 p.m., Spouse Activity Day

**June 16** - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Family Readiness Group leader basic training

**June 17** - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Army Family Team Building classes

For more information, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

### 'Rumpelstiltskin' auditions set

An audition will be held for Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Rumpelstiltskin" from 9 to 11 a.m. July 11 at the Teen Center, Building 5800.

Those auditioning should arrive at 9 a.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are Rumpelstiltskin, Clara, a jester, villagers, gnomes, wizards, knights and bees.

Students entering first grade through 12th grade can audition. No preparation is necessary.

Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props and makeup. The MCT tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day throughout that week.

"Rumpelstiltskin" will be presented July 16 at the Teen Center.

For more information, call Nikki Crissman at 239-9923.

## PX, Code Adam aim to protect kids

AAFFES

DALLAS - Fort Riley's PX and other Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities have embarked on a national program called "Code Adam" to help ensure the safety of its youngest customers.

As part of this program, main store retail managers and store associates will be trained in Code Adam procedures to help locate children who become separated from parents who are shopping

with them.

Fort Riley's manager and associates have been trained and Code Adam has been implemented at the PX, said Christine Harlan, the post's AAFFES public affairs representative.

"Each week thousands of customers pass through our doors - many of them with children," said Fort Riley PX General Manager Deborah Julian. "Nothing is more important to us than the safety of our customers, so AAFFES has joined with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Chil-

dren to implement the Code Adam program in its stores."

Code Adam was named after 6-year-old Adam Walsh, who, in 1981, was kidnapped from a Florida shopping mall and murdered. The program gives Fort Riley PX/BX associates procedures to follow in the event a child is reported missing.

When an AAFFES shopper realizes their child is missing, they should immediately go to any associate on the sales floor for assistance. The first thing the associate will do is ask for a

description, including the child's age, height, weight, hair and eye color and clothing, including coat and shoes.

After getting the description, the associate will announce over the PX public address system that there is a "Code Adam in Progress" and will recite the child's description. At that time, all associates except cashiers will begin searching the store for the child.

Some associates have special assignments, like watching the front and rear doors and checking

the rest rooms. This ensures that those critical areas are monitored and avoids having a number of associates duplicating the work of others.

If the child is not found in 10 minutes - less time, if judged by the situation - military police will be called.

Even after the police have been called, PX staff will continue the search. The "Code Adam" ends when the child is found or when the police assume responsibility for the search.

## Water cooler

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

Fort Riley's outdoor swimming pools on Custer Hill and behind Riley's Conference Center on Main Post opened for business Memorial Day weekend.

The Main Post pool is open daily from noon to 7 p.m. and offers a water slide and diving board.

For more information, call the Main Post pool at 239-6972.

Custer Hill pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and offers a diving board, slides and an inflatable obstacle course during certain times of the day. The pool is located between the Education Center and Bowling Alley.

For more information, call the Custer Hill pool at 239-5860.

Both indoor pools on post are closed to the public. Eyster indoor pool is being renovated. The pool at Long Gym is available for unit drown proofing and physical training but is closed for recreational purposes.

In case of inclement weather (thunder and lightning), the outdoor pools will close for 30 minutes and re-open once the lightning has passed. During that time, one of the indoor pools will open.

For information about closings, call 239-6972 or 239-5860.

Several activities are planned at the pools throughout the summer.

Swimming lessons will start June 13 at Custer Hill pool. Lessons are scheduled for June 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23. Cost is \$20 per child.

Lesson times are: 5:30 to 6 p.m. for Level A (6 mos. to 2 yrs.); 5 to 5:30 p.m. for Level B (18 mos. to 5 yrs.); 4:30 to 5 p.m. for Level I; 9:30 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 4:30 p.m. for Level II; 10 to 10:30 a.m. for Level III; and 10:30 to 11 a.m. for Level IV. Parents can register their children by calling 239-2172 by June 12.

Family Fun Night is an opportunity for the whole family to swim, listen to music and play on a giant inflatable obstacle course. The cost is \$5 per family and an additional \$1 per guest.

Fun nights are scheduled for 8 to 10

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Swimmers enjoy the cool water at the Main Post Pool June 6 after temperatures reached the mid-90s.

### Marriage and Military Life

## Returning combat veterans may need help

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka  
Retired Navy Chaplain

**Dear Gene-Thomas,**  
My husband was wounded in combat and will soon be returning home to me and our daughter. I want to help him heal not only physically, but also emotionally. Is there anything I need to know to help aid his healing?

- Jennifer

**Dear Jennifer,**  
The challenge of helping your

husband will depend in part on the extent of his injuries. Obviously, people who have lost limbs or witnessed close friends die will need more help than those whose wounds are superficial or had limited exposure to intense combat. Many counselors, chaplains and medical personnel today are trained in post combat recovery and reintegration to help them assist returning combat veterans and spouses like yourself in dealing with a variety of psychological and physical difficulties.

### About the author

Gene-Thomas Gomulka is a retired Navy chaplain and author of "The Survival Guide for Marriage in the Military," available at [www.plaintec.net](http://www.plaintec.net)

Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at [letters@plaintec.net](mailto:letters@plaintec.net)



In light of the fact that some combat veterans suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that requires professional treatment,

it's helpful to be able to identify the following three types of symptoms:

- Intrusive. Includes flash-

backs, nightmares, intrusive emotions and memories

- Avoidant. Can involve avoiding relationships, emotions, responsibility for others and situations that are reminiscent of traumatic events

- Hyperarousal. Often exhibited in explosive outbursts, irritability, extreme vigilance, panic symptoms and sleep disturbance.

Complications stemming from PTSD can include alcohol and drug abuse or dependence;

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## Community news briefly

### Family programs host pool party

The New Parent Support and the Exceptional Family Member Programs will be hosting their annual pool party from noon to 2 p.m. June 30 at Custer Hill pool for families currently enrolled in NPSP and EFMP. Hot dogs, buns, chips and drinks will be provided. Families should bring swimwear, sunscreen and lawn chairs. Those who wish to attend should RSVP by June 24. To RSVP, call 239-9435 at the Soldier Family Support Center.

### Riley's sponsors country dance

Dancers who prefer their music on the country side will be able to boot scoot their boogie at Riley's Conference Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. June 10-11. Admission is \$5 per person and only dancers 18 and older will be allowed in. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served between 10 p.m. and midnight. A cash bar will be available. For more information, call 784-1000.

### Teen Center offers programs

The Middle School Teen Center is offering two types of programs for youth completing sixth through eighth grades.

The Before Camp Care is offered from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fee is based on total family income. Youth can be dropped off at School Age Services, Building 6620, after 6 a.m. and will be picked up at 9 a.m. by Teen Center staff.

The Before Camp Care program consists of 11 one-week sessions focusing on sports and fitness, life skills, health, arts and crafts, recreation, 4-H and community projects.

The MST Around the World Camp will run from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no charge for this camp; however, some activities or trips may require a small fee. This camp consists of 11 one-week sessions focusing on a different country each week.

Registration for both camps is done at the Central Registration Office in Building 6620. For more information, call the CER office at 239-4847.

### Rally Point offers fun

June 12 - 7 p.m., WWE Pay-Per-View, Bad Blood  
June 15 - 5 to 9 p.m., Wednesday Wing Night  
June 17 - 5 to 8 p.m., Family Night, family friendly movie, music and buffet  
For more information, call 784-5434.

### Teen Center activities slated

June 10 - Movies in Manhattan  
June 11 - Canoe trip  
June 11 - Midnight basketball  
June 17 - Game room tourneys  
June 18 - KC Royals game  
For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

### Crafts center classes posted

June 11, 12 - 2 to 4 p.m., introduction to black and white photography  
June 12 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get-together  
June 13 - 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross-stitch  
June 13 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning sewing (multi-session class)  
June 13, 20 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., introduction to stained glass (multi-session class)  
June 14 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class (patio furniture, picnic tables, flower boxes, benches)  
June 14 - 6 to 9 p.m., matting and framing  
June 18 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3-D buildings in glass  
For more information, call 239-9205.

### Youth services activities set

June 10 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., KSU Farm/Cico Park, third through fifth grades  
June 14 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., nature walk at Milford Lake, first and second grades  
June 14 - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., nature walk at Milford Lake, third through fifth grades  
June 15 - 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Coronado Heights and Sweeten Park field trip, kindergarten  
June 15 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Science City field trip, third through fifth grades  
June 16 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Science City field trip, first and second grades  
June 17 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., fishing at Moon Lake, first through fifth grades  
For more information, call 239-9173.

### CDC vacancies available

The Fort Riley Child Development Center has full-day and part-day preschool slots open. For registration information, call 239-4847.

### BOSS plans Universal trip

June 16-19 - Universal Studios trip.  
Call 239-8147 for more information or ITR at 239-5614 to reserve a seat.

# Delegates attend AFAP conference

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

Four Fort Riley delegates joined delegates from around the nation the end of April to discuss Army issues that need improvement.

Brandy Dull-Huddis, Gizzy Gray, James Hill and Sgt. Kimberly Hollingsworth participated in the U.S. Forces Command Army Family Action Plan Conference April 25-29 in Atlanta.

The conference was a great way to express concerns about the Army, Hill said.

"I think it was very beneficial and had the support and understanding of the FORSCOM commander. Anytime you can bend the ear of a four-star general, I think it is beneficial to Fort Riley, FORSCOM and the U.S. Army as a whole," he said.

Delegates from FORSCOM's installations were divided into one of several groups to discuss and

### 4 most valuable services

- Medical/dental (including Tricare)
- Army Community Service
- Morale, Welfare and Recreation
- Commissary

choose the most important issues and plans of action for the Army to address. Narrowing down the issues was not an easy task, Hill said.

"Our group had 13 issues to discuss and prioritize. It was moderately difficult to come to a group consensus when we had to prioritize the issues," he said.

While Hill and other Force Support group members set priorities and time limits, they fell behind schedule on occasion, he said.

"We fell behind schedule when

### 6 most critical AFAP issues

- Distribution of Montgomery GI Bill benefits to dependents
- Military spouse employment compensation
- Veterans Group Life Insurance premiums
- Non-chargeable leave for deployed Soldiers
- Death benefits for stillborn children
- Mortgage relief for mobilized reserve component servicemembers

there was a topic that had a lot of discussion, such as barracks living conditions and wounded Soldier update notifications. At times, many of our delegates were compassionate about a particular issue," Hill said.

Hill's group chose wounded Soldier updates as the most

important issue. The group recommended that the current contact policy remain in effect but be conducted at the installation level by the casualty assistance office. They also recommended assigning a casualty assistance officer to family members of all wounded Soldiers classified as seriously injured or higher to meet their needs through personal contact.

"We felt that due to the current situation in our fight against global terrorism that keeping family member's current on their loved one's condition was a top issue," Hill said.

The other top AFAP conference issues were barracks living conditions, Tricare referral processes, designated family readiness group funds and housing allowance disparity for Initial Entry Training Soldiers.

Issues that cannot be resolved at the FORSCOM level will go to Department of the Army. The DA AFAP conference is scheduled for Nov. 14-18.

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depression and increased risk for suicide; divorce and separation; guilt; low self-esteem; chronic anxiety; phobias; and unemployment.

Catastrophically disabled veterans can receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs. That department's primary mission is to provide them with medical and rehabilitative care. Organizations like the Disabled American Veterans also are available and engaged in helping wounded personnel transition into veteran status.

Support groups are available at some commands to help combat

veterans and their families deal with post combat recovery and reintegration issues. I recommend that you contact your command chaplain or military family support agency for information about what specific services are available in your area.

While you are not expected to provide the professional care offered by psychiatrists and physical therapists, you can be the loving, affectionate and supportive wife that your husband needs. Also, let your daughter know that daddy needs her love and affection as he becomes reintegrated into the rhythm of family life.

## Junction City band to perform on post

The Junction City Community Band will present a concert at 7 p.m. June 17 on the lawn outside the U.S. Cavalry Museum on Main Post.

Compositions tentatively planned for the concert include "National Emblem March," "Gallant Men March," "Military Escort March," "Armed Forces Salute," "God Bless America," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Shenandoah," "The Original Thirteen Concert March" and "America the Beautiful."

The Junction City Community Band is comprised of students from Junction City and Fort Riley who have completed the

8th grade recommended by their respective band directors and adults who are already accomplished players or haven't played in several and want to re-acquire skills.

The band plays for the Junction City Veteran's Day Memorial Service, four Sunday evening concerts in June and the annual Geary County Historical Society Benefit Gala at the end of June.

The conductors for this year are Vic Wong, recently retired band director of Fort Riley Middle School; Will Teufel, associate band director at Junction City Middle School; and T.J. Taylor, band director at Junction City High School.

### Admission

Passes:

Period	Single	Family
Quarterly	\$35	\$50
Semi-Annual	\$60	\$80
Annual	\$110	\$150

Daily fees:

ID card holder	\$1.50
Guest	\$2
Free, children 5 and under	



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p.m. June 24, July 22 and Aug. 19 at Custer Hill pool and from 7 to 9 p.m. July 8 and Aug. 5 at the Main Post pool.

"Mommy and Me" time is open to mothers and fathers and their infants and toddlers. This play time/playgroup swim is available from 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at Custer Hill pool. Each two-hour session costs \$2 per family. Two child's lifejackets will be provided per parent.

Authorized users can schedule pool parties, too, after normal operating hours. The cost is \$75

for two hours and \$25 for each additional hour. For information or to schedule a party, call 239-2172.

Units interested in using Long Gym's pool for PT or drown proofing should submit a signed memorandum by the unit commander to the swimming pool manager two weeks before the date requested. The memo needs to include date, time, number of Soldiers and point of contact. Units will need to provide instructors; lifeguards will be provided.

For more information call 239-2172.

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# General, color guard help Manhattan celebrate 150th



### Staff report

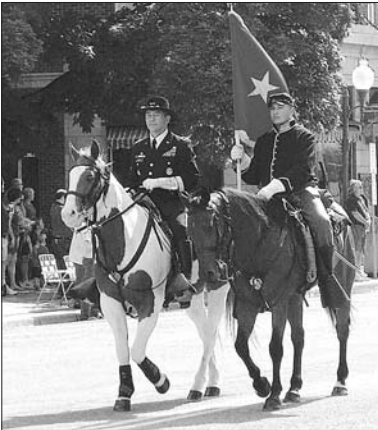
Fort Riley brought its past to Manhattan's 150th birthday celebrations June 4.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commander of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, was the parade's grand marshal. He rode in traditional cavalry style in the parade.

Members of Fort Riley's Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard participated in the parade as well. The group also performed cavalry tactics demonstrations at City Park.

The mounted demonstration is an exhibition of skill and precision required of a cavalry horse Soldier. It includes various drills and shows using the Cavalry Saber, .45 caliber Revolver and the Springfield Carbine.

**At left:**  
Sgt. Vincente Aguilar (left) and Spc. Michael Leverington of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, grasp hands while performing a jump June 2 at the Celebrate 150 Festival at Manhattan.  
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**Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, rides Victory in the Manhattan parade while Trooper Louis Rascon carries the general's flag.**

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## Community news briefly

### Memory albums project set

Spouse activity day at the Soldier and Family Support Center from noon to 3 p.m. June 13 will include a Soldier Memory Album project designed to be a perfect gift for returning Soldiers and for Father's Day.

Free childcare is provided for families of deployed Soldiers and refreshments will be served.

A two-part workshop on stress management and relaxation is planned for spouse activity day June 27.

A presentation on stress management techniques will be followed by a yoga and relaxation demonstration.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a

large towel. Healthy snacks will be served.

### Center teaches home-alone kids

School Age Services is offering "Home Alone" training to children 10 and older. The training focuses on skills children need to remain safe if they are home alone.

Classes are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 16 and July 14 in Building 6620.

The class is free to children enrolled with Child Youth Services and costs \$10 for children not enrolled. Parents may attend.

For more information, call 239-5077 or 239-9478.

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## Middle school announces honor roll recipients

Fort Riley Middle School has announced students earning a place on the school's honor rolls for the last six-week grading period of school.

Those making the Principal's Honor Roll had a 3.5 grade point average and no C's on their report cards.

Those making the Troopers Honor Roll Students had a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA and could have no more than one C on their report card.

### Principal's Honor Roll

#### Sixth grade

Jordan Alexander  
Paige Archer  
Maya Arredondo  
Gabriela Ascencio  
Jorgan Beshorse  
Rebecca Brinkley  
Sieclinda Brooks  
Kaitlyn Browning  
Shabazz Brumfield  
Connor Cabrey  
Felicia Cates  
Justine Cerna  
Samantha Courts  
Tyler Croston  
Allyssa Crowell  
Mitchell Emerson  
Dominique Forehand  
Elizabeth Grammel  
Steven Harrison  
Brendan Higginbottom  
Wesley Hill  
Connor Howard  
Zachary Jones  
McKenna Kelly  
Hillary Konkun  
Leah Kundel  
Melissa Leturgez  
Cindy Malone  
Amanda McElroy  
Alexis Miskevish  
Orel Moran  
Paricia Nauta  
Caleb Ortiz  
Brooke Powers  
Dominika Pullmann  
Michela Rodriguez-Wedel  
Ashley Rogers-Floro  
Kylie Santiago  
Samantha Satterlee  
Valerie Serna  
Nell R. Simpson  
Kayla Smart  
Andrea Smith  
Dylan Soper  
Hanna Young Sul  
Samantha Veasy  
Stephanie Wacker  
Mikala Walter  
Jessica Wentworth

#### Seventh grade

Miguel Adame  
Danielle Adams  
Katherine Balsamo  
Tyler Barnes  
Justin Baublitz  
Taylor Berry  
Alexander Bertucci  
Regis Bigness  
Zachary Birchmeier  
Laura Buczkowski  
Michaela Dycus  
Zachary Ferguson  
Nicole Font  
Jeffrey Graham  
Shannon Grammel  
Shannon Griffith  
Tara Haag  
Samantha Hernandez  
Brittany Hitchcock  
Taylor Johnson  
Angela Joyner  
Madeline Kundel  
Leanna L. Luttington  
Kaliae Maio  
Kawehilani Maio  
Jenna McArthur  
Matthew Miller

Faith Olson  
Lysander Ortiz  
Alexa Pappal  
Samuel Quintas  
Jasmine Smiley  
Johnisha Smith  
Kayla Soper  
Brent Stroh  
Jason Swisher  
Andrew Taylor  
Cassandra Townsend  
Christina Valentin  
Kyle Wagner  
Victoria Walder  
Armogen Walker  
Christina Westerman  
Andrew Winger  
Deborah Ybarra  
Jaime Zvirgzdins

#### Eighth grade

Kimberly Lynne Arps  
Breyana Briggs  
Ashley Brockman  
Nancy Brokmeier  
Jeremiah Brown-ing  
Barresha Bontay  
Bush  
Deanna Cabrey  
Catherine Carmichael  
Jennifer Cerna  
Daicee-Lee Marie Coates  
Sean Andrew Dixon  
Angelique Foye  
Christina M. Gutierrez  
Kanesha Hamilton  
Miranda Hinkley  
Bianca Jackson  
Heather Leturgez  
Krystal McBride  
Ashley McCabe  
Katelyn Metzler  
Andrew Michael  
Stephanie Miller  
Larry Mitchell  
Ashleigh Moody  
Jacob Nangle  
Natalie Niebres  
Enilisse Ortiz  
Brittney Paige  
Keturah Palmer  
Angela Price  
Yolanda Reid  
Marina Rodriguez  
Grace Simpson  
Stephanie Socorro  
Brandi Stringer  
Krista Taylor  
Gabrielle Thomas  
Danny Van Tassel  
Delonna Wadley  
Cetrina Walker  
Kelsie Werner  
Nicholas Woodcock

### Troopers Honor Roll

#### Sixth grade

Jessica Bailey  
John Evan Balch  
Jamison Carmichael  
Megan Clapp  
Emmanuel Cockrell  
Tyler Corey  
Patrick Farrelly  
Tyler Gorton  
Anissa Harlow  
Amanda Hernandez

Randal Hill  
Natalie Kelley  
Natalie Kundel  
Joseph Lannon  
Jessica Leathers  
Luis Marengo  
Torrenyqua McDonald  
Kasha McDougald  
Graciela Mejia  
Brittany Moore  
Kiara Ocasio  
Ian Palmer  
Shawn Persaud  
Jordan Rucker  
Zachary Sankey  
Kristyn Schmidt  
Katlin Smart  
Ashley Thomas  
Robert Walker  
Kevin P. Wehr  
Sean Wilson

#### Seventh grade

Jacoby Adams  
Lauren Apodaca  
Meshawn Armstrong  
Mikela Brown  
Andrew Coleman  
Bria Iyana Damsby  
Andrew Darland  
Jalissa Doughty  
Charles Foote  
Malik Giles  
Kylee Elizabeth Gray  
Jerrad Hoferman  
Amanda Claire Hollis  
Scott Jeffreys  
Paige Jonas  
Natalya McCarroll  
Dustin Nangle  
Rachel Nelson  
Esteban Perez  
Justin Ramos  
Michelle Savitski  
Erika Scott  
Brandon Smith  
Janice Soledispa  
Jonathan Spurlock  
Brandi Washington  
Michael Wilkerson

#### Eighth grade

Olivia Alvarado  
Shana Alvarado  
Andrew Birchmeier  
Lauren Bradley  
Dominique Brooks  
Lorene Cackley  
Barbara Commons  
Autumn Cuddy  
Devin Dickens  
Brittany Doyle  
Angela Hayess-Rittel  
Sarah Hill  
Cameron Holland  
David Hyde  
Stanley Mathews II  
Joshua Montgomery  
Lawrence R. Moss  
Keisha Napier  
Brenda Nauta  
Rocky Rapgeg  
Neisha Rivera  
Rebecca Shade  
Kyle Shook  
Shayla Soares-Lumanlan  
Kaylynn Spriggs  
Laura Vician  
Christopher Wagenblast  
Britany Whittlesey



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Friday, June 10, 2005

## Leisuretime ideas

### At the movies:

The Barlow Theater doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under age 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**June 10, 12** – The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG)

**June 11, 16** – The Interpreter (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

### Junction City:

**What:** Kansas Wildscape Governor's Golf and Fishing Classic, Golf and Fishing. Two days of fun and relaxation. This event attracts nationally known sporting figures, business, and industry leaders of Kansas, professional anglers, and Kansas citizens. Guides and Boats are provided for those without.

**When:** Daylight June 16-17

**Where:** Rolling Meadows Golf Course and Milford Lake

**Phone:** (785) 238-2885

**Admission:** Free to spectators, participation fee charged

### Manhattan:

**What:** Manhattan Municipal Band

**When:** 7:30 p.m., June 14

**Where:** City Park

**Admission:** Free

**What:** Arts in the Park

**When:** 8 p.m. Spontaneous

Combustion (bluegrass) performs June 10, Neon Blue (rock) performs June 11

**Where:** City Park

**Admission:** Free

**What:** Great Plains Chautauqua. From Sea to Shining Sea. American Expansion and Cultural Change, 1790-1850.

**When:** June 17-21

**Where:** City Park and selected other locations

**Phone:** (785) 776-8829 or (800) 759-0134

**Admission:** Free

**What:** Juneteenth Community Festival. Celebrating the history of Juneteenth.

**When:** All day June 16-18

**Where:** 901 Yuma, Douglas Community Park

**Phone:** (785) 776-0244

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### Mayetta:

**What:** Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow Wow. Grand entry, ceremonial dancing.

Native-American crafts, recognition to an honored veteran and honored elder contest pow wow, motorcycle run and golf tourney.

**When:** 7 p.m. June 10, 1 and 7 p.m. June 11 and 11 a.m. June 12

**Where:** Prairie Peoples Park

**Phone:** (785) 966-4000 or (877) 715-6789

**Admission:** Varies

### Salina:

**What:** Smoky Hill River Festival. Grand festival of the arts in Oakdale Park.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 10-11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 12

**Where:** Oakdale Park

**Phone:** (785) 309-5770

**Admission:** \$8

### Beloit:

**What:** Kansas 8-Man All Star Football Game. Two games of 8-man all-star football by players picked by coaches from best in the state.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 11

**Where:** Trojan Field

**Phone:** (785) 738-2551

**Admission:** \$8

## Milford Nature Center offers fun

By Stephanie Perrin

Staff writer

Rainy days offer an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors of Kansas indoors – at the Milford Nature Center outside Junction City.

Diorama displays of the state's wildlife and their habitats and some live exhibits live in the center's climate-controlled main building. Outside the main building, the center boasts more live animal exhibits, a butterfly house and nearly two miles of nature trails.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife created the center to help educate the public about the many different species of wildlife found in Kansas and how to successfully interact with the wildlife.

"Here, education's the name of the game," said Barb Houser, a nature center employee. "There are three different dioramas to allow people to see Kansas wildlife they might normally not be able to witness," she said.

A stuffed Kansas native wild turkey greets visitors at the start of the museum tour. The first display depicts the four types of wildlife habitats found in Kansas. It shows pictures and gives information about grasslands, streams, marshes and woodlands.

Guests follow painted paw tracks on the floor to another exhibit around a corner. That diorama shows an underwater scene with more than 300 animals native to Kansas, including fish, turtles, snakes and a beaver.

Pictures and information about the aquatic food chain fills the next exhibit on the paw prints path. The display shows the survival relationship of organisms ranging from simple phytoplankton to large game fish and explains how one life form cannot flourish without the success of the other.

A big brown bat lives in the next habitat display. Naturalists believe this breed of bat to be the most common and widespread in Kansas.

Houser said all the live animals in the exhibits wouldn't survive if returned to the wild. The animals have experienced an injury or been raised in captivity for too long, she explained.

One room in the center displays mounted sport fish and game birds, demonstrating the wide variety of wildlife frequently caught or hunted in the state.

Guests following the painted tracks of the cottontail rabbit will find themselves looking at a wall display of the terrestrial food web. This exhibit shows how fruits, nuts and seeds affect animals in the whole food chain, including carnivorous animals, such as the badger.

The last diorama combines a



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A bald eagle and a golden eagle watch from their perch as visitors walk by their cage at the Milford Nature Center.

Kansas marsh with adjacent grasslands and woodlands. The exhibit presents a wide variety of animals, including a duck swimming in the marsh to a coyote roaming the prairie. The sounds of the areas come alive with the touch of a button at the exhibit.

Back in the lobby, visitors can view live reptiles and amphibians, touch a variety of animal furs and antlers and stamp images of different animal tracks. The nature center's theater shows short films explaining wildlife and nature.

In good weather, guests can

visit the center's outdoor displays. A seasonal butterfly house is home to a wide variety of butterflies and plants. The outdoor live animal exhibits feature animals native to Kansas, including a bobcat and bald eagle.

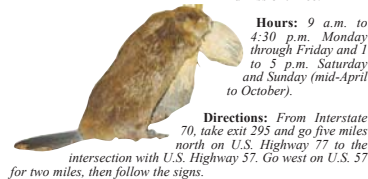
Saturday visitors can take a guided tour of the fish hatchery 1 p.m. and view the fish being fed.

The center offers a wide variety of learning programs available to schools, daycares, scouts and other interested groups. "We can cater to a group's specific needs," Houser said.

### If you go to the Nature Center:

Admission: Free.

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (mid-April to October).



**Directions:** From Interstate 70, take exit 295 and go five miles north on U.S. Highway 77 to the intersection with U.S. Highway 57. Go west on U.S. 57 for two miles, then follow the signs.

For more information: Call (785) 238-5323.



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Jim Lowry of Topeka watches as his daughter, Grace, stamps an animal paw print with an ink pad June 2 at the Milford Nature Center.

## Territorial capitol celebrates 150th

By Gaylynn Childs

Director, Geary County Museum



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Finger-pointing, name-calling and downright rudeness prevail in the re-enactment of the first legislative meeting in Kansas relating to slavery. This re-enactment took place during Chautauqua in Junction City in June 2004. It will be re-enacted June 25th when the Partners of the First Territorial Capitol celebrate the building's sesquicentennial.

mingle with the characters who would have been found on the Kansas frontier in 1855.

Inside the Capitol, frontier music performances and historic character programs will be presented throughout the morning.

At 1:30 p.m. and again at 3 p.m., a lively and historically accurate re-enactment of the First Territorial Legislature in session will be presented in the upstairs Council Chamber.

Early evening will bring a "Legislators' Banquet" of whole roast hog and all the frontier trimmings, including Miss Ruth Berry's historic and famous homemade pies. All will be served outdoors under shaded canopies from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Cost for the picnic is \$8 per person. To reserve dinner tickets, call the First Territorial Capitol at (785) 784-5535 between 1 and 5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays; Partners President Norm Childs at (785) 762-5188, or the event coordinator at (785) 238-1666.

A limited number of dinner tickets

### Getting on post

To enter Fort Riley, visitors without DoD vehicle stickers must show a photo ID or driver's license, valid vehicle registration and proof of current vehicle insurance.

ets will be available at the Capitol June 25.

Following dinner, the Kansas Brigade Band will present an outdoor band concert of period music.

The concluding event of the day will be an old-fashioned Governor's Ball from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the lamp lit upper hall of the 150-year-old structure.

A period preceptor (dance master) will guide participants in the Grande Marche, the Virginia Reel and other Civil War-era dances. Period costumes will add to the fun and are encouraged but not required.

